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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 20-May-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 05/20/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/13/06
Broiler/fryer	166,266	170,247
Light hens	1,254	1,232
Heavy hens	1,533	1,525

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	WEEK ENDING 13-May-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	208	0	208
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	152	0	152
Same week yr ago	300	0	300
To-date/2006	4,460	10	4,470
To-date/2005	5,478	26	5,504

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,434	1,509	2,943
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,273	1,530	2,803
Same week yr ago	1,828	1,462	3,290
To-date/2006	27,091	27,427	54,518
To-date/2005	34,705	25,699	60,404

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 13-May-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	164,848	1,226	1,509	2,735
Avg Wt	5.45	3.35	8.35	6.11
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	154,172	1,121	1,530	2,651
Same wk yr ago	163,338	1,528	1,462	2,990
Avg Wt	5.32	3.21	8.08	5.59
To-date/2006	3,055,189	22,631	27,417	50,048
To-date/2005	2,998,844	29,227	25,673	54,900

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.9 million head, or 0.4 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 06-May-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	28,685	16,610	51,839
Avg Weight	3.87	4.75	6.44
% of total /1	30%	17%	53%
Last week	22,737	20,008	56,387
Avg Weight	3.81	4.73	6.41
% of total /1	23%	20%	57%
Same week, yr ago /2	27,884	20,305	56,085
Avg Weight	3.78	4.60	6.31
% of total /1	27%	19%	54%
To date/2006	491,272	340,189	972,995
To date/2005	502,409	370,171	883,886

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 13-May-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	2,148	2,607	7	4	4,766
Avg Wt	16.93	38.69	29.71	33.81	28.87
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,114	2,315	15	6	4,450
Same wk yr ago	1,924	2,561	8	1	4,494
Avg Wt	16.39	38.32	22.76	67.98	28.91
To-date/2006	35,300	46,789	442	109	82,640
To-date/2005	30,343	48,193	432	60	79,028

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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